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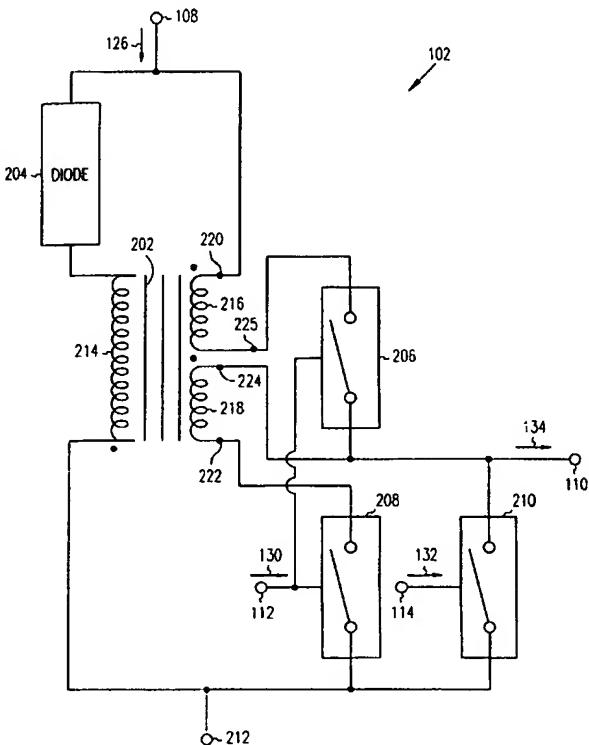
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**(54) Title: VOLTAGE CONVERTER**



**(57) Abstract:** A converter (100) includes a transformer circuit (102), a filter (104), and a controller. The transformer circuit is coupled to the filter, and the controller is coupled to the transformer circuit and the filter. The transformer circuit includes an input port (108) and an autotransformer (202) coupled to the input port. The converter receives an input signal at the input port and the filter generates an output signal at an output port (110). The controller receives the output signal from the filter and provides one or more control signals to the transformer circuit to control the output signal. A method includes receiving a first input signal at a transformer circuit including a first coil (116) and a second coil (118), activating a first switch (206) to serially connect the first coil to the second coil, activating a second switch (208) to connect the second coil to a second input signal, deactivating the first switch and the second switch, and activating a third switch (210) to connect the first switch to the second input signal (212).



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### 1. claims: 1-14

A converter comprising: a transformer circuit including an input port and an autotransformer coupled to the input port, the input port to receive an input signal; a filter ; a controller coupled to the transformer circuit and the filter, the controller to receive the output signal from the filter and to provide one or more control signals to the transformer circuit to control the output signal.

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### 2. claims: 15-21

A method comprising: receiving a first input signal at a transformer circuit including a first coil and a second coil; activating a first switch to serially connect the first coil to the second coil; activating a second switch to connect the second coil to a second input signal; deactivating the first switch and the second switch; and activating a third switch to connect the filter input signal to the second input signal

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### 3. claims: 22-25

A communication system comprising: a transformer circuit including a first switch to receive a first signal, a second switch to receive a second signal, an autotransformer coupled between the first switch and the second switch, and a diode connected to the second switch and to receive the first signal; a filter; a controller to receive the output signal to provide one or more control signals; and a transceiver to receive the output signal

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### 4. claims: 26-28

A computer system comprising: a processor; and a converter including a controller coupled to an autotransformer and a filter to provide power to the processor

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